

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF DURAND UNION STATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of Durand Union Station as October 4, 2003 will mark its historic birthday. In the last century, Durand Union Station has survived fire, neglect, dilapidation, and even the wrecking ball. Over the years, the proud citizens of my district have banded together to restore and preserve this local treasure.

In 1903, construction began on Durand Union Station, at a cost of \$60,000 the rail depot was an architectural marvel. The Chateau Romanesque style depot was constructed of Missouri granite brick with an interior of oak woodwork and wainscoting of Tennessee marble. However, just eighteen months after its construction, fire tore through the boiler room of the station in April of 1905. Firefighters had the blaze contained until the Eastbound train forced the firefighters to pull their hoses back across the tracks and allow the train to pass. The fire of 1905 destroyed nearly all of Durand Union Station.

After being rebuilt, Durand Union Station served the people of Michigan until 1974. Unfortunately, the struggling railroad industry forced Grand Trunk Western Railroad to completely abandon the building in 1974. Consequently, Durand Union Station was stripped, gutted, vandalized and ready for demolition. But, state and local officials along with the citizens of Durand determined to restore the building were able to save Durand Union Station at the demolition zero hour.

Today, Durand Union Station has been preserved and restored by Durand Union Station, Inc., a nonprofit corporation founded to manage the historic building. The Michigan Legislature has designated Durand Union Station as the natural site for the Michigan Railroad History Museum and Information Center. Under the leadership of Durand Union Station Inc., the station is slated to undergo nearly \$4 million in improvements and expansion.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the one hundredth birthday of Durand Union Station. Over the past one hundred years, the station has become a monument to the American spirit. The people of Durand, Michigan have overcome numerous setbacks in their quest to preserve this wonderful Michigan landmark.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, September 4, I was unable to cast my vote on two recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall vote No. 474—"yes," and rollcall vote No. 475—"yes."

REMEMBERING SERGIO VIEIRA DE MELLO

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, on August 19, 2003, Kofi Annan, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, lost a trusted envoy and the world lost a skilled peacemaker. Sergio Vieira de Mello was killed in the bombing of the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad. Among his dying words was a plea that the United Nations mission there go on.

Sergio Vieira de Mello was a native of Brazil but a citizen of the world. From Bangladesh to Sudan to Cyprus, from Mozambique to Lebanon to Bosnia and Kosovo, to East Timor, and finally to Iraq, Mr. de Mello's resume reads like an atlas of some of the world's most troubled and dangerous places. It is also a list of accomplishment and achievement.

As the Secretary-General's special envoy to Iraq, on leave from his position as U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. de Mello saw his role as helping to return the governing of Iraq to the hands of its people.

At his funeral, Secretary-General Annan bade Mr. de Mello a fitting tribute as he said goodbye: "Sergio, my friend, you have entered the pantheon of fallen heroes that the United Nations wishes it did not have. You will shine forever among our brightest stars. May you rest in peace."

TRIBUTE TO RAY MACHT

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I rise today to recognize the life and passing of one of my district's most prominent and accomplished ranchers. Ray Macht was a lifelong community leader in Archuleta County and is credited with founding the Archuleta County Fair. In addition to having a wealth of agricultural knowledge, Ray's reputation preceded him throughout the county as a kind and honest man. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Ray for the contributions that he made to the State of Colorado.

Ray's ancestors have lived in the Pagosa Springs area since 1883, when his grandmother first brought the family across the Continental Divide. Ray stayed close to his family after graduating from Pagosa Springs High School and subsequently attending Fort Lewis College, where he met his future wife, Genelle. The two were married in 1933. Ray and Genelle maintained their involvement in the Archuleta County community by serving as 4-H leaders for 25 years, as well as serving on numerous local boards and organizations. 4-H awarded Ray their "Western Heritage" honor in 1999 in recognition of his expertise and commitment.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise before this body of Congress today to recognize the lifelong contributions that Ray Macht made to my district. Ray will be remembered for his devotion to his community, a legacy

that will live on through the Archuleta County Fair. While he will be dearly missed, we can all take solace in the knowledge that Ray's spirit lives on through those whom he has touched.

HONORING THE LIFE OF VINCENT A. BRUNI

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before the House of Representatives today to honor the life of Vincent A. Bruni. As a prominent figure within the Rochester community, Mr. Bruni shared his vision and his love for music with others for over fifty years.

Mr. Bruni, more commonly known as "Mr. B," raised the drum and bugle corps movement in North America to new and exciting levels. The Bruni name is synonymous with modern-day drum corps, in part because Mr. Bruni dedicated his life to entertaining people all over the country and all over the globe.

Always one to give back to the community, Mr. Bruni led his national and world champion Empire Statesmen Drum and Bugle Corps in local parades, winter and spring concerts, and in efforts to support high school bands and other groups throughout Western New York. As a result of the heart and soul he demonstrated and instilled in others, the Empire Statesmen became the only corps in history to win the Triple Crown: the American Legion, Drum Corps Associates, and World Show Band championship titles all in one year.

For decades, Mr. Bruni represented the City of Rochester, New York proudly with his unfaltering commitment to teaching children and adults of all ages. His lessons were not simply about music, but about what it means to work hard as a team, have pride in what you do, and how to stand tall in the face of great adversity. Musicians, performers and fans of drum corps all around the world know "Mr. B" as a man of integrity, someone that others will continue to strive to be like even now that he is gone.

Vince Bruni will be remembered as a true patriot—someone who loved serving his country as a veteran of the United States Navy, as a schoolteacher, but most importantly as an entertainer. Mr. Bruni has done Rochester and America proud, and while he will be sorely missed, he will forever be remembered by the countless people whose lives he touched over his long and distinguished career.

HONORING DONNA AND GIOVANNI SCALA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize two extraordinary humanitarians from my congressional district whose philanthropic efforts will ensure that hundreds of individuals and families in our Napa Valley will not go to bed hungry tonight.

On September 6th, our community will be celebrating the 10th Annual Hands Across the

Valley benefit to raise critical funds for local safety net food programs. This extremely successful event which has meant the difference between food and hunger for many Napa County residents would not exist if it were not for the vision and hard work of Donna and Giovanni Scala. What began in their kitchen at their world-renowned restaurant Bistro Don Giovanni ten years ago has blossomed into a national role model that has raised over \$1.3 million for our community's most vulnerable members.

Donna and Giovanni have made countless contributions toward improving the community they are so much a part of and love. It seems that every time there is a need, they are there with a donation. None, however, have been as significant and far-reaching than their efforts regarding this annual event.

Mr. Speaker, I was honored to take part in the first Hands Across the Valley event in 1994 when we tossed pizzas in the Scala's kitchen for 500 guests and raised \$30,000. Thanks in large part to Donna and Giovanni's continued support, this year's event is expected to be bigger and more successful than ever before, with nearly 2,000 guests and volunteers working together to raise more than \$200,000 to ensure none of our neighbors are without food.

Donna and Giovanni Scala put their heart and soul into this event because they understand its importance. They know that not everyone has shared in our nation's prosperity. They understand that nearly half of those seeking assistance from Napa's food pantries and soup kitchens are children and that nearly one out of every three families seeking help does not have an oven or a refrigerator.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it is fitting and appropriate to honor the commitment and integrity that Donna and Giovanni Scala have given our community for so many years. We are all better off because of their efforts.

AGAINST A CONGRESSIONAL COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to a cost-of-living increase for Members of Congress. Across our country, the struggling economy is hurting businesses and leaving many without jobs. Latest projections show the national debt climbing to an unprecedented level. We should set an example by voting against this pay increase. Fiscal discipline must start with Congress.

In addition, by not allowing a regular yes-or-no vote on this provision, we simply add to the impression that too many people have about Congress. If Congress is to vote itself a raise in pay, it should be done in full view of the American public, not through a quiet procedural motion.

This process needs to be reformed. Members of Congress should not be able to receive an automatic cost-of-living increase. Each of us should be on the record with the citizens of our districts whether we believe an increase to our own salaries is justified.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. JO ANN DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2989) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to voice my opposition to an increase in Member's of Congress salaries. During these difficult economic times at all levels of government and with increasing federal deficits, I believe we should not be raising our own salaries.

Yesterday the House considered the Rule for the Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2004. While this bill does not include any provision related to an increase in pay for Members of Congress (the Member COLA is automatic each year under existing law), by tradition when Congress has blocked the Member COLA, the blocking provision has been included in this bill.

Because blocking the Member COLA would constitute a change in existing law, an amendment to block the COLA would be subject to a point of order on the floor, and therefore not allowed. Since the Rule does not permit a waiver from the point of order for such an amendment, the House in recent years has taken a vote on the previous question on the Rule. Yesterday I voted "no" on the previous question in an attempt to defeat the measure so that an amendment to the Rule to block the Member cost-of-living allowance could receive an up or down vote.

Unfortunately, the measure passed and the rule was not therefore amendable. In light of various factors, most importantly a 4.1 percent pay raise for our civilian workforce and to remove Ghost Fleet ships in my District, I am left with no recourse except to vote for the final passage of the Transportation/Treasury Appropriations Act. If I had the opportunity to vote directly to eliminate this year's cost of living adjustments for Members, I would most certainly do so.

TRIBUTE TO MR. P. GREY CANE, JR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of a good man, a proud American and a fine member of the South Alabama community, Mr. P. Grey Cane, Jr., who passed away on Saturday, August 9th, at his home in Fairhope, Alabama.

A solid businessman and a true community leader, Grey Cane was loved by his family and friends and respected by his peers.

Grey was known for his generosity, not only for those he knew well but also for those

whom he had never met. Throughout his life, Mr. Cane worked for the preservation of Alabama's treasured waterways which have for many years provided immense enjoyment to tens of thousands of residents and tourists. His love of the outdoors and his passion for preserving our waterways will never be forgotten.

As a young man, Grey founded KEMKO, Inc., a company providing construction, building, and roofing materials. His employees felt a strong loyalty to Mr. Cane and often spoke highly of his giving nature and attentiveness to their needs.

Mr. Cane also had a strong and independent spirit which made him both a tough negotiator and successful businessman. However, Grey Cane never allowed his many successes to be used simply for his own good.

At times, he used the KEMKO warehouses as depositories for extra building supplies and allowed those in need to take what was considered necessary from storage. In addition to his generosity, Grey Cane had a way that made everyone who came in contact with him feel special, a rare quality in today's times.

A sportsman at heart, Mr. Cane devoted tremendous amounts of time and energy to the establishment of the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) of Alabama and, subsequently, the Eastern Shore chapter of the same organization. Those close to him note the zeal he had for the cause of environmental protection and the tenacity with which he fought for this worthy cause. Grey Cane realized the importance of preserving our natural habitats and continued fighting for this cause throughout his entire life. In recognition of his charitable gifts and his lifelong dedication to the cause of environmental conservation, the CCA recently honored Mr. Cane by renaming a thriving coastal reef in his honor.

Through his charitable contributions to society, his strong dedication to protecting and preserving Alabama's waterways, fisheries and natural resources, and his generosity to his friends, family, and coworkers, Mr. Cane leaves a lasting and memorable mark on all of Alabama's Gulf Coast region. I am proud to have called him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, P. Grey Cane, Jr., is survived by his wonderful wife of almost 50 years, Katchie, a son, Peter Grey Cane, III, a daughter, Laura Cane Armstrong, two grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, one sister, an aunt and nieces, nephews and other relatives. May his family know that they are in the thoughts and prayers of many who loved and appreciated Grey Cane as they did.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVE HOART

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before this body of Congress and this nation to honor the career of a great man from my district. After twenty years of service, Dave Hoart, of Texas Creek, Colorado, is retiring from his post at the Division of Wildlife. Dave's invaluable contributions to the community will be missed, and I stand before you here today to honor his service.

Dave began his position as the Custer County District Wildlife Manager in 1983. Selflessly, Dave attributes all of his success over